

Material Suggested as Sources for the South End Historical Research Project

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The books on the following list are suggested background reading on Boston which may be located in the collections of the Boston Public Library. Most are to be found in the History Department or the Rare Book Department at Central, as well as many at the South End Branch.

We have marked with an asterisk those which seem particularly useful for material on the South End. It is suggested that the staff in the History Department be consulted to supply general survey information before proceeding to use materials in the Rare Book Department or in other libraries. Materials suggested will of course differ with the various projects.

History Department and South End Branch Library

*Bacon's Dictionary of Boston. Boston 1886

Very useful for brief information on churches, hotels, clubs, etc.

Bacon, Edwin M.

Boston - A Guide Book to the City and Vicinity. Ginn, 1928

*Barrows, Esther G.

Neighbors All (a settlement notebook). Houghton, 1929

Benton, Josiah

The Story of the Old Boston Town House. 1658-1711

Boston, Mass. Assessing Department

Real estate valuation lists - City of Boston 1869-1904 [in manuscript] by wards.

*Boston, Mass. Election Commissioners

List of qualified male voters. 1861-1897

*Boston Street Commissioners

Record of streets, alleys, places, etc. in City of Boston, 1910

*Bostonian Society

Proceedings. Annual meeting January 17, 1961--(Material on Gettysburg mural)

Crosby, Irving

Boston thro the Ages. Marshall Jones, 1928

*Damrell, Charles S.

A half century of Boston's building. Boston 1895

Daniels, John

In freedom's birthplace - a study of the Boston Negroes. Houghton, 1914

Drake, Samuel Adams

Old landmarks and historic personages of Boston. Little, Brown, 1900

Drake, Samuel G.

History and antiquities of Boston from 1630-1770. Luther Stevens, 1856

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- Gilman, Arthur
The story of Boston. Putnam, 1902
- Handlin, Oscar
Boston's immigrants. Harvard, 1959
- *Herndon, Richard, comp.
Boston of today. Boston 1892. Ch. VII, South End.
- Howe, M. A. DeWolfe
Boston, the place and the people. Macmillan, 1903
- *King's Hand Book of Boston
Moses King-Publisher, 1878
- King's handbook of Boston Harbor. Moses King, 1882
- Koren, John
Boston 1822-1922. One hundred years a city
The story of its government and principal activities.
- *Leading Business men of Back Bay, South End, and Dorchester. Boston, 1888
Has 96 page description of South End Institutions. Very useful.
- *Shurtleff, Nathaniel
Topographical and historical description of Boston.
3rd ed. - City Council pub. 1890
- White, Olive B.
Centennial history of the Girls' High, 1902
- *Whitehill, Walter Muir
Boston - a topographical history. Harvard, 1959
- Winsor, Justin. The Memorial History of Boston. 1630-1880
Boston, Osgood, 1880-81. 4 vol. Vol. 4 The last hundred years.
- Woods, Lucy R.
A history of the Girls' High School of Boston. 1852-1902
Riverside Press, 1904
- *Woods, Robert A., ed.
The city wilderness. (A settlement study by residents and associates
of the South End House) Houghton, 1899

Fine Arts Department

Boston Architectural Card Files
Indexes photographs in architectural magazines and a few books.
Goes back to 1890's. Preceded Art Index.
Heading by type of building: Boston - Buildings
(A-Z) by name; Churches; Houses (By architect), (By address),
(By name of owner) etc.

Picture file
Might contain pictures of individual South End buildings.



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Slides

Might include South End buildings.

Arrangement is by Boston - Type of Building (Churches for example)

Specific book

Art work of Boston. Boston, W. H. Parish Publishing Company, 1891

Rare Book Department

*Pictorial material

Direct photographs

Etchings and engravings, originals and taken from directories and books (See card index, card catalogues, etc.)

Illustrations in magazines (Gleason's etc.)

Covers of contemporary music

Illustrations from theatre programs (Castle Square, Grand Opera, Panoramas, etc.)

Military installations, encampments, etc. (First Corps Cadet Armory, etc.)

(See also illustrations in libraries at the First Corps Cadet Armory)

*Maps. Real estate and insurance; auction plans, street plans. Bird's eye views (about 1870)

*Residences of interesting persons (search directories, in Rare Book to 1885)

*Biographical material, in biographies and manuscripts

Amusements: theatres, music, circus, baseball (in Theatre collection and Greevy collection)

*Religion: Church histories, pictorial material and illustrations

Business: see business directories and other directories

Scrap books: in H.80 and Cutter collection

Gleason's pictorial, drawing room companion. Boston, 1851-60, 17 vols.

Many pictures - indexed on cards in Rare Book Department.

*Bromley, Goerge W. and Company

Atlas of the City of Boston. Philadelphia. Vol. 1 city proper 1883

